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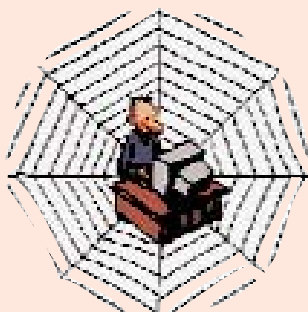
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## Arlene attitude

### Don't let your guard down as hurricane season unfolds

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When Tropical Storm Arlene fizzled as it crossed the northern Gulf Coast, the biggest consequence for Keesler people could be letting their guard down.

When the season's first tropical storm veered toward the Florida panhandle and left Keesler with barely a drizzle, many people who've never been through a serious storm asked, "So what's the big deal? What was all the fuss about?"

That attitude concerns Lt. Col. Lawrence Averbek, the 81st Training Wing's safety chief.

"These storms are very unpredictable and can change course rapidly," the colonel emphasized. "Arlene intensified shortly before landfall and could easily have become a hurricane. We can't afford to be complacent."

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Photo by Kemberly Groue

Kevin Nolan, Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee, loads a generator, tarp, batteries, a portable television and cooler for hurricane preparation. This month alone, the base exchange has sold 81 generators.

## Privacy available for sexual assault victims

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The Air Force's response to 456 reported cases of sexual assault in the service last year is a new sexual assault response program which stood up Tuesday.

Keesler's sexual assault response coordinator has been hired and arrives next month, but she can't take over official duties until she attends the next Air Staff training in August.

"The Air Force's new policy gives active duty military members and reserve members performing federal duty the

opportunity to make either a confidential restricted report or an unrestricted report of sexual assault," said Capt. Scott Crum, deputy SARC.

Restricted reporting isn't an option for family members, retirees or Department of Defense civilian employees.

Under the new policy, restricted reporting gives individuals access to medical care, counseling and victim advocates, but doesn't initiate the investigative process.

"Privacy is crucial to reporting and to the recovery process," Captain Crum emphasized.

Restricted reporting is only available through the SARC, trained victim advocates and health care providers.

To reach Keesler's SARC, call 377-7278 or 697-0562, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Victim advocates are being recruited to work with the SARC. If you're interested, e-mail Capt. Scott Crum, [scott.crum2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:scott.crum2@keesler.af.mil), or Jackie Pope, [jackie.pope2@keesler.af.mil](mailto:jackie.pope2@keesler.af.mil).

Next week's Keesler News includes a more detailed profile of the new policy and how it's being implemented at Keesler.

# COMMENTARY

## BRAC

### When discussing recommendations, we're one team speaking with one voice

By Gen. Don Cook

Air Education and Training Command commander

The recently announced Department of Defense base realignment and closing recommendations have been accompanied by a great deal of public interest. While I encourage you to discuss BRAC issues with your local community, you must remember that your loyalty remains first and foremost with the Air Force and DOD.

During past BRAC announcements, some wing commanders inadvertently found themselves caught between DOD and local loyalties. In light of this, please exercise care when discussing BRAC with members of your local community. Continue to be a good neighbor, but ensure your message is consistent with Air Force and DOD guidelines.

As Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper says, we must "avoid any perceptions or inadvertent appearance that (our) position is anything but that of supporting DOD."

DOD's guidance in discussing BRAC is

straightforward. It states: "local commanders should not speculate on why their base or other bases were recommended for closure or realignment; DOD personnel may not directly participate in or manage activities organized to influence the BRAC commission except as a liaison or official DOD representative to answer general questions; and local commanders and their representatives should not give local retired generals involved in community BRAC organizations favorable treatment in base access or information."

In addition, public affairs guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense reminds us to "avoid using personal opinions and/or speculation in discussing BRAC recommendations."

Some of our communities may face difficult challenges associated with local base closures and realignments. Be sensitive, but don't repeat past mistakes. You and your public affairs offices should be well-versed in the communications guidelines. After all, we are one DOD team speaking with one voice.

## ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

### Overgrown grass is bees' playground

**Comment** — Grass and flowers at the family camp are so high that bees are flying around and I'm scared I'm going to get stung.

**Response** — Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The grass is growing very quickly due to the large amount of rain we have received recently and has created a huge workload for our lawn care service. They are catching up and began cutting the grass at the fam camp. The clover blooms in the grass won't totally disappear, but our routine cutting should reduce the number of flowers and bees.

## Deployed Airman values wingmen at home

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol

416th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD Air Base, Uzbekistan — Last November, Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, asked all Airmen, "Who's your wingman?"

In the deployed environment, the importance of a wingman is critical, especially when it means helping take care of your fellow Airmen and others around you.

While I'm deployed, I have my command chief, my commander, the chaplains and many more people here as my wingmen. But at home, there are many important wingmen we should never forget.

When I refer to wingmen at home, I am talking about the wingmen who help us get through our every day life. For me, it's family, friends, co-workers, leaders and others that surround me in my life.

My top wingman is my wife. No one can imagine or measure the strength of this person to me in heart and soul. She's been my wingman for nearly 13 years now and it's during deployments when I truly realize her strength as a wingman.

She's not only in charge of the home-front while I'm gone, she also lifts my spirits every time I talk to her and think of her while I am on the other side of the world. I know many of the people I am deployed with have the same sentiment

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or a mowed lawn  
for someone whose  
service member is gone  
means a lot.

about their own wingmen at home.

The wingmen at home aren't just our spouses. They can be significant others, a parent, a child, a good friend or a co-worker. There are people who are always there to listen or help us learn. That's the beauty of having wingmen in your life.

My life in the military has had its ups and downs — no career is ever perfect. But having your wingmen around you really helps you through the tight spots.

When I leave my home base on a deployment, I leave a vacancy people in my office must fill. My fellow Airmen who fill that void with the extra duty resulting from my absence never let me know that they may have had to work extra hours to fill that gap.

On top of that, my fellow Airmen take extra time to call my family, give them

help if they need it and even give help when they don't ask for it. They just give it. That's good wingmanship.

I know how it works at home. When my fellow Airmen were deployed and I wasn't, I knew I had to step up and do everything I could to support them. And, a shoveled driveway or a mowed lawn for someone whose service member is gone means a lot.

The wingmanship on the home front is something I've tried to teach my children and grandchildren. Those in my close family circle know how important it is to take care of each other and of those who aren't in our family.

If someone needs help, you give it. You become a good wingman for your efforts. My children understand that, and I'm so proud of them for it.

I still have a bit of time left on this deployment and I know that my work here is important. Every day, whether they know it or not, my wingmen at home are thought of and appreciated. I know that where I am and what I do can't be done as successfully without the support from those wingmen at home.

Those of you who aren't deployed, don't think you aren't in the fight because you are. We cannot, and will not, forget our wingmen at home.

If you  
witness  
or suspect  
fraud,  
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or abuse,  
report it  
to the  
inspector  
general,  
377-7053.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

## AECP gives 4 NCOs commissioning opportunity

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Four Keesler noncommissioned officers have been selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

They are Staff Sgts. Bryan Adomanis, 81st Communications Squadron; Margareta Beg, 81st Medical Operations Squadron; and Staff Sgt. James Giles, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Carol Walker, 81st Medical Support Squadron.

AECP allows active-duty enlisted members to attend college full time without loss of pay or benefits, and graduate with both a degree and a commission.

Eligible Airmen are given up to three years to complete a technical, nursing, foreign language or area studies bachelor's degree. Master's degree tracks are also available.

**Sergeant Adomanis**, a Defense Messaging System



**Sergeant Adomanis**

exchange technician, has been in the Air Force four years and arrived at Keesler right out of technical training. He'll be a physics major at the University of Maryland-College Park.

**Sergeant Beg**, an aerospace medical service technician, has spent all but six months of her eight years in the Air Force at Keesler.



**Sergeant Beg**

She'll major in nursing at the University of South Alabama.

**Sergeant Giles**, a medical technician in the aeromedical staging facility, has been at Keesler for 2 1/2 of his seven years in the Air Force. He's a nursing major at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Sergeant Walker**, pediatric advanced life support and



**Sergeant Giles**

emergency medical technician program manger, has been at Keesler for three years and in the Air Force for 13 years. She's a nursing major at the University of South Alabama.

Applicants for the technical, foreign language and area studies majors who reach age 30 on or before April 1 need to submit an age waiver for



**Sergeant Walker**

review to assure they can complete their studies before their 35th birthday.

Nursing major applicants can be commissioned up to age 47 with an age waiver.

For more information, go to <http://www.afots.af.mil/afrota/enlistedcommissioning/FY05%20aecd.htm>, or call the education office, 377-2323.

## Dark Knight heads to academy

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Graduation is a milestone in a technical training student's career. But when Airman 1st Class Brent Stevens graduated from a course in the 338th Training Squadron June 7, his commander had a surprise up his sleeve.

Lt. Col. Christopher Cook, the Dark Knights' commander, announced at the ceremony that Airman Stevens is one of 84 active-duty, Guard and Reserve members nominated for the Air Force Academy's Class of 2010.

"Airman Stevens was a stellar student, not only in the classroom, but also as a yellow-rope leader of his Airmen peers," the colonel pointed out. "He's loaded with talent and I'm very confident he will make an outstanding officer."

With just over a year in the Air Force, the 20-year-old



**Airman Stevens**

from Port Charlotte, Fla., reports to the academy July 13.

After graduating from high school, he began classes at the University of South Florida as a biochemistry major.

"During my junior year, I wasn't sure if that was the path I wanted to take, so I decided

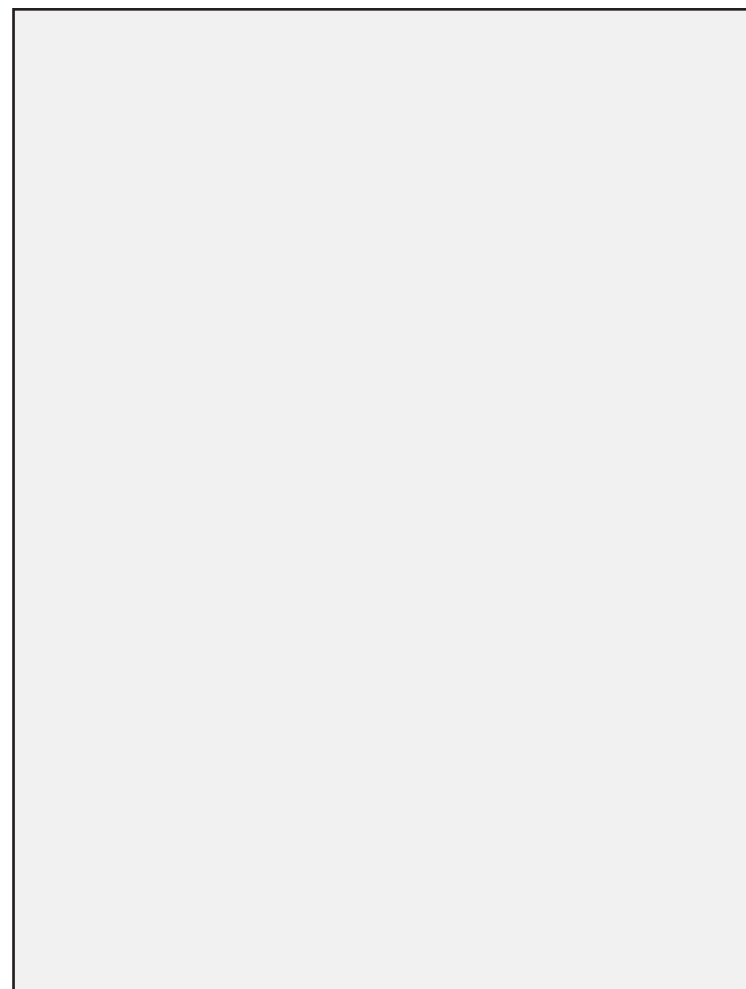
to join the Air Force," Airman Stevens said. "Since I had studied Spanish and German already, I was assigned to be a linguist and study Korean, but I just wasn't able to learn it."

He was reclassified and came to Keesler in December for the computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course.

"The first time I submitted my paperwork for the academy, it was lost, so I had to resubmit it," Airman Stevens said.

Airman Stevens has to start his college studies over again, because transfer credits aren't accepted, but he says it's a small price to pay for the opportunity to attend the academy.

He won't know which degree program he'll pursue until his entrance counseling at the academy, but he'd like to pursue a military strategic studies degree.



# TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

## Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

Student parades are 7 p.m. July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

## Manpower openings

The manpower and organization career field is looking for Airmen interested in retraining.

Senior airmen and staff sergeants with a mathematical background and are in balanced or overage career fields with four to 15 years of service are prime candidates.

For eligibility information, call the military personnel flight employment office, 377-9639. If eligible, call Master Sgt. Shawn Cosgrove, 377-7376.

## Classes for spouses

The Air Force Aid Society is funding an education class for non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force members at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College- Keesler.

The course, 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays July 11-Aug. 3, covers keyboard and computer screen terms, Microsoft Word I and II, EXCEL I and II, resume writing, customer service and basic office practices.

Applications are available in Room 112, Sablich Center, or in the transition employment opportunities public folder. The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. June 23.

For more information, call 377-2179.

## Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

## Grant winner



**Roger Drinnon has been awarded a \$1,500 college tuition grant from the Air Force Aid Society General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. He's an honor graduate with an advanced diploma from Vancleave High School. He'll attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to pursue a computer engineering degree. He's the son of Master Sgt. Roger and Kimberly Drinnon, 81st Training Wing Public Affairs.**

## Civilian tuition aid

Keesler civilian employees are eligible for college tuition assistance.

Courses must be Air Force mission- or job-related and taken through a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.

Required forms are available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

## Troops to Teachers

For general information on Troops to Teachers, visit <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/index2.htm>.

For information on Mississippi Troops to Teachers, call Chris Carey, 1-800-MISS-TEACH.

## ACSC options

Air Command and Staff Col-

lege can be completed by correspondence or seminar.

Majors or major-selects of all service components and civilians General Schedule-11 and above are eligible.

For more information, call or e-mail Edward Hodge, 377-7159, [eddie.hodge@keesler.af.mil](mailto:eddie.hodge@keesler.af.mil).

## WIA grants

Military spouses and veterans are now eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislocated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make a permanent change of station with military member, spouses of military members who are honorably discharged and surviving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

## Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on.

First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

For more information, call Joyce James, 377-7056.

## Work study

Part-time employment is available to Chapters 30 and 31 Veterans Affairs people enrolled in college or vocational programs at least 75 percent status.

For more information or applications, call Robin Manson, 377-5149, or visit Room 224, Sablich Center.

## USM online

For online courses through the University of Southern Mississippi, go to <http://www.usm.edu> or call 377-2309.

# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Base flips switch later this month for lightning prediction system

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

"Bolt out of the blue" isn't just an expression — even if skies are clear overhead, lightning can still strike if there's a storm up to 30 miles away.

Keesler is enhancing its safety during severe weather with installation of a new system that can predict the probability of a lightning strike and provide automatic warnings 15 to 20 minutes in advance with more than 90 percent accuracy. The system is activated later this month.

### Outdoor safety bolstered

"Couple this capability with our current lightning watches and warnings, and we can significantly enhance the safety of Keesler personnel while outdoors," said Lt. Col. Tom Lyga, commander of the 335th Training Squadron, home of Keesler's weather schoolhouse.

Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, a combat weather team operations instructor at Keesler for more than three years, spent almost five months researching the best system for the base's needs.

The Thor Guard system, the only one of its kind in the world, is widely used for lightning prediction at other military bases, explosives companies, airports, golf courses, ski areas and other public recreation facilities. The company's name is a reference to Thor, the Norse god of thunder who hurled lightning bolts down from the sky.

The \$44,000 system employs a sophisticated sensor and computer to measure and analyze the atmosphere's electrostatic field to calculate its predictions. A horn warning system is triggered when a strike is predicted.

### Predicting where danger exists

Traditional lightning detection systems require the occurrence of an actual lightning strike before a warning is given, and often that's too late.

"That's not good enough if the first strike is one of our Airmen," Sergeant Godwin stressed. "The base weather station notifies the command post as soon as a lightning warning is issued, and that notification is disseminated across the base, but sometimes that's not quick enough."

Even the 81st Training Wing commander, Brig. Gen. William Lord, has jumped into the notification process when danger exists.

"One day General Lord rushed out from wing headquarters and turned marching students around when a lightning warning was issued," Sergeant Godwin recalled.

"The increased emphasis on physical training requirements is bringing more people outdoors during the peak times for thunderstorms 2-5 p.m.," he explained. "That's also the time when we have troop movement back and forth from training facilities to dormitories."

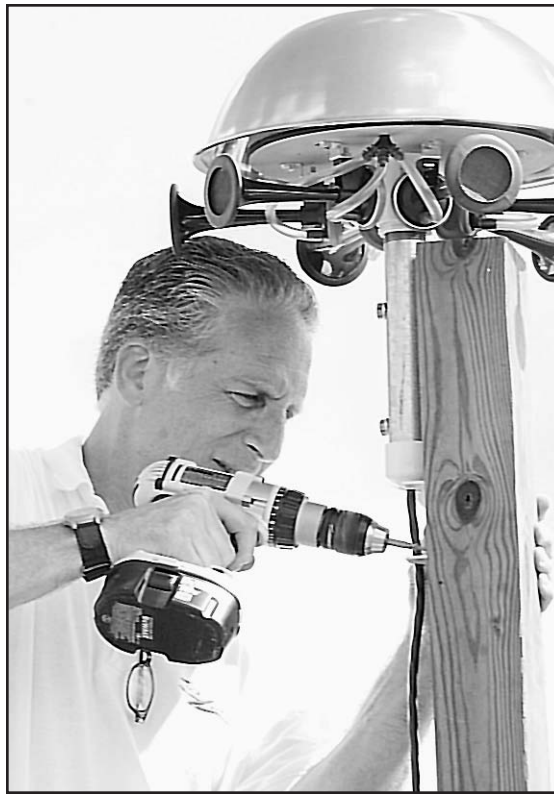


Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Steve Kanter of Lightning Protection Systems, Gulfport, installs one of the horns that sounds the alert when a lightning strike is predicted.**

"We have thunderstorms in our area about half of the days during June and July," he added. "We want to minimize the risk as much as we can."

The sensor for the solar-powered, environmentally-friendly system is being installed at base operations. It measures static electricity in the air in a 5-mile radius, enough to cover the entire main base.

### Firing range gets own system

A separate system has already been installed at Keesler's firing range north of the base near Woolmarket, where several lightning-related injuries have occurred.

About 15 to 20 minutes before a lightning strike is predicted, horns placed at strategic locations around the base automatically issue a 15-second loud blast. In addition to the horn at base operations, others are being placed at the marina, in the Triangle, at the Crotwell Track just south of Keesler Medical Center and the west side of the base near the recreational vehicle storage facility.

The "all-clear" notice is three five-second horn blasts.

"No ifs, ands or buts — this is an awesome system," Sergeant Godwin insisted. "It will be a great new resource to protect Keesler's people."

## IN THE NEWS

### Nephew of Keesler civilian killed

Army Spec. Terrance Lee, 25, nephew of Doug Lee, 81st Training Wing, and another Mississippi soldier were killed in Iraq Saturday when a bomb exploded near their vehicle.

A supply specialist, Specialist Lee deployed to Iraq Jan. 14 of this year with the Mississippi Army National Guard's 155th Brigade Combat Team.

Another soldier from the unit, Sgt. Larry Arnold Sr. of Carriere, was also killed.

Specialist Lee's wife, Stephanie, is expecting their child in September. He's also survived by his parents, Dedrick and Dinah Lee, and two sons, Terrance Jr., 5, and Ramone, 3.

Sergeant Arnold, 46, is survived by his wife, Melinda, and three sons, Larry Jr., Bobby and James.

### Flight line reopens

Keesler's flight line reopened Tuesday after a three-month rehabilitation program earmarked at \$2.8 million.

The project was the first major runway restoration since 1986. It involved resurfacing, storm drain installation underneath the runway and 260 feet reconstructed.

### Recruiting data reporting changes

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Armed services recruiting information, including that of the reserve components, is now available to the public on the 10th day of each month.

In the past, recruiting information usually was available to the public on the first day of each month, but reserve component data sometimes wasn't available until the middle of the month. The change also gives Defense Department leaders more time to review data before it's released.

### Cadet guilty of indecent acts

Air Force Print News

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — A general court-martial jury found Cadet 1st Class Benjamin Kuster guilty of indecent acts with another cadet June 3, but not guilty of rape.

His sentence was a written reprimand. He had faced a maximum punishment of life imprisonment, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and dismissal from the Air Force.

Lt. Gen. John Rosa Jr., academy superintendent and general court-martial convening authority, now reviews the case and chooses to agree with the finding and sentence, reduce the sentence or set aside the findings.

### No Keesler News July 7

By contract, the Keesler News publishes 49 issues in the calendar year.

The first of three weeks in which the base newspaper isn't published this year is July 4-8, the week the Independence Day federal holiday is observed. The other two are the weeks in which the Christmas and New Year's federal holidays occur.

The newspaper office is closed July 4 in observance of the holiday. Publication resumes with the July 14 issue.

# Prepare,

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In earlier predictions, Keesler was in the bull's-eye of Arlene's projected path. The storm had threatened to reach hurricane strength, but only registered sustained winds of about 60 mph when it made landfall just west of Pensacola, Fla., Saturday.

However, the storm dumped up to 6 inches of rain and caused 20-foot waves in an area still reeling from Hurricane Ivan nine months ago.

The wing's crisis action team was activated June 9 to keep a close eye on the storm's development. The main precaution taken at Keesler to prepare for tropical rains was sand-bagging buildings that are prone to flooding.

"While the base did a great job of preparing for the worst possible conditions, we had a number of people who live in base housing who didn't," Colonel Averbek explained. "Many people either didn't take the threat seriously or didn't know what they were supposed to do and didn't secure the loose objects around their homes."

When propelled by heavy winds, ordinary objects can become very dangerous to people and property, the colonel stressed.

"We saw lots of children's toys and play sets left unsecured in yards," he noted. "Bicycles were left standing freely in carports. People with trampolines didn't always secure them. While some people tied ropes to them, they left the side nets on. The wind could easily have blown those poles around like missiles.

"Some people who were packing for permanent change-of-station moves had loads of boxes left in their carports," he continued. "If we had heavy wind-driven rain like we were expecting, all of their belongings would have been ruined.

"Base housing units are small, and if there are items that just won't fit inside, they can still be secured outside by placing them as low to the ground as possible and staking them down with anchors and rope," he said. "For example, a patio table can



Photo by Kemberly Groue

**Staff Sgt. Frank Willis, left, 338th Training Squadron instructor, along with 334th TRS students Airman Basic Samuel Rickert; Airmen 1st Class Michael Powell and Brandon Hubbard; Airman Basic Nicholas Novak and Staff Sgt. Jason Hancock sandbag doors at Cody Hall in preparation for Tropical Storm Arlene Friday.**

be turned upside down and anchored to the ground."

Preparing for Arlene's potential strike included trips to the base exchange and commissary to stock up on hurricane supplies.

Last week was Hurricane Awareness Week at the main exchange, said manager Joelle Lee.

"Our sales and merchandise manager, Bill Buell, coined the phrase, 'Don't Wait Until the Storm Forms,' and our customers took heed," Ms. Lee observed. "We have plenty of hurricane supplies on hand."

So far in June, 81 generators were sold at the store.

"The threat of Tropical Storm Arlene wasn't what caused the buying frenzy — the memory of Ivan did that," she said, referring to last September's Category 5 hurricane that devastated the Florida panhandle and brushed past the Mississippi Gulf Coast. "Folks remembered that they were 'going to' buy a generator.

"The key to being prepared is definitely not to wait until the last minute," Ms. Lee

insisted. "No store can stay 100 percent in stock on every item when hurricanes are heading our way, but right now we have plenty of merchandise available."

The Keesler Commissary had many customers who were preparing for Arlene and any other storms that might threaten south Mississippi this season.

"We hope our shoppers plan ahead to shop for supplies and don't wait until the last minute to shop for necessary items," said Gordy Harris, store administrator.

During hurricane season, the commissary bolsters its inventory of baby food and formula, canned goods, cereal, cookies, crackers, snacks, coffee, tea, condiments, dried fruit, peanut butter, jelly, packaged drinks, bottled water, batteries, magazines, manual can openers, diapers, paper plates and cups, plastic utensils, wet wipes, matches, first aid supplies, ice, toiletries, pet food, flashlights, non-prescription medicine, paper towels, napkins and lanterns.

# PERSONNEL NOTES

**Editor's note:** This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

## Testing change for chief promotion

### Military personnel flight

Beginning this year, senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief master sergeant take the Air Force's supervisory examination during the second week of September.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13-16.

Testing is no longer conducted directly after Labor Day.

For more information, call 377-4361 or 7205.

## Deployment checklist

**Physical condition** — Pursue a regular exercise program of cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and endurance training. If your shots aren't up to date, call immunizations, 377-6543.

**Training requirements** — See your unit deployment manager for these training schedules: chemical warfare, combat arms, self aid and buddy care. Update your training records.

**Deployment documents** — For current uniform identification cards, visit or call pass and registration, Room 124, Sablich Center, 377-3893. For current dog tags, visit or call the military personnel flight, Room 127, Sablich Center, 377-7107. For current Geneva Convention cards for medical personnel or chaplains, see your unit deployment manager or visit or call the 81st Mission Support Squadron, Room 125, Sablich Center, 377-2276. Have a copy of your current leave and earnings statement.

**Your bags** — Pack personal/mobility bag, tools and team equipment/cargo.

**Family concerns** — To process wills and powers of attorney, visit or call the legal office, Room 227, Sablich Center, 377-3510. If you and your spouse are both vulnerable to deploy, prepare a dependent care statement, Air Force Form 357. For a family readiness plan, visit or call the family support center, Room 130, Sablich Center, 377-8628.

## Keesler Contact Center

The Keesler Contact Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days in the customer service office, Room 125, Sablich Center.

Computers and phones telephones provide a direct link to the Air Force Contact Center at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for inquiries about identification cards, TRICARE, family care, leave, career enhancement, employment, training, relocations, special programs, retirement and separation.

The AFCC Web site is <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The AFCC can also be contacted 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays by calling DSN 665-5000, 1-210-565-5000 or 1-866-229-7074, e-mailing [contact.center@randolph.af.mil](mailto:contact.center@randolph.af.mil), fax DSN 665-1239 or 1-210-565-1239, or mail to HQ AFPC/DPSFC, 550 C St. West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

## Officer promotion orders

Effective immediately, Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895, or email [lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil](mailto:lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil).

# Families First

## Program improves military moving process

By Army Sgt. 1st Class  
Doug Sample

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Full replacement value for lost or damaged items is among several changes taking effect in October as part of a new program called “Families First.”

The program aims to improve the moving process for military families.

“We’re going to have a lot of happier campers because they aren’t going to be losing any money out of their pockets like they did before,” said Cullen Hutchinson of the passenger and personal property office at the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.

Under the current claims process, service members only receive a depreciated value for property that’s lost or damaged, he said.

For example, a \$200 television that’s lost or damaged might only be valued at \$100 after depreciation, he said.

With Families First, he said, “the carrier either replaces the television with a similar one or reimburses the service member the full cost of a new one.”

Another benefit of the program is service members now deal directly with the carrier to arrange direct delivery of household goods, alleviating the need for temporary storage, he said.

“What makes this even better for the service members is that whenever you have temporary storage (and) more handling of your household goods, the more susceptible it is for loss or damage,” Mr. Hutchinson said.

He said direct delivery also saves the services money now spent for temporary storage.

In Families First, service members file settlement claims directly with the carrier, using a Web-based claim-filing process.

“There won’t be a middle man; the service member is able to address the carrier directly on the issue (he or she

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has),” he said.

“And the carrier will have an incentive to take care of that service member in a positive way.”

Mr. Hutchinson said service members are encouraged to complete a Web-based customer satisfaction survey measuring the performance of carriers, and that survey becomes part of that carrier’s record.

“If the carrier’s performance is poor, then the amount of business he’s going to get from the government is going to fall off or stop completely,” he said. “So there’s an incentive there. It’s no longer a competition on cost, but it’s a competition now with cost and performance.”

The survey gives service members a chance to influence decisions on whether a carrier continues to do business with the Defense Department, Mr. Hutchinson said.

“And that decision is going to be based on the performance of that carrier,” he said.

“(The result will be) more quality carriers, which translates into quality service for our service members,” Mr. Hutchinson said. “And higher-quality carriers ultimately means higher-quality moves.”

He said efforts like Families First should help improve the quality of service in the military moving industry that carries household goods of more than 500,000 service members and their families each year.

He said problems in the moving industry have plagued the services for years, and efforts to improve the moving process have been ongoing since 1994, starting with re-engineering of the household goods process.

“The perceptions were that DOD was experiencing a very high loss and damage rate,” Mr. Hutchinson said. “When we looked at the numbers, it was significantly higher than some of the corporate accounts.”

In addition, he said, claim rates also were higher for military moves. While average military claims ranged around \$500, he said many corporate claims were in the range of \$100.

In the end, he said, DOD officials expect to see a “considerable decrease in loss and damage claims.”

“The reason for this is the carrier is assuming a higher liability for claims,” he said. “So it’s in their best interest to protect the goods better so they are not subject to this loss.”

Mr. Hutchinson said the program also should ease some of the stress involved with moving.

“What we’re trying to do is reduce that stress for our service members so they can concentrate on more important things and not worry about (their things),” he said.

# 91 tech sergeants on promotion list

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Ninety-one Keesler technical sergeants have been selected for promotion to master sergeant.

Those selected are:

**2nd Air Force** — Don Gurganus and Scott Walter.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Eddie Velez.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Bradley Belford and Andrew Reed.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Daniel Hamblin and Brian Swinford.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Alan Campbell.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Kevin Albertson.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Violet Thomas.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Steven Brown and Daniel Garrett.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Monte Doyle, David Gobin, Alvin Holland, Tracy Martinez, Angelo Plaza, Ronnie Tabor, Steven Twit-chell, Kelly Vernon, Carol Walker and Gary Walters.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Stanley Layrisson and Stephanie Moore.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — Scott Parrish.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Arthur Deborger, Michael Freeck, Chris Pittman and Robert Richards.

**81st Supply Squadron** — Michael Demoulin, Curtis Gillam and Mark Morris.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Robert Allen Jr., James Gray, Jeremiah Griffith, Rickey Mann and Bobby Robbins Jr.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — Eric Alvarez, Anthony Bellocq, Jeff Quade, Jennifer Sergerson and David Trudel.

**81st Training Wing** — Timothy Dutton, Carolyn Magsby, John McDill, Christopher Moore, Matthew Shover and Sheila Smith.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Wilbert Collier, Jerry Geddings and Wayne Rowell.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Kristina Miller.



## Selection statistics

A total of 339 Keesler members were eligible for promotion to master sergeant, for a 26.84 percent selection rate.

That's slightly higher than the Air Force's 26.05 percent selection rate, in which 6,630 of the 25,454 eligible were selected.

**333rd TRS** — Peter Anthony, Darrell Evans, Steven Foley, Steven Parks and Robert Smith.

**334th TRS** — Robert Barber, Jae Ewing, Marion Fletcher, James Henry II, Marc Hurst, Charles Kirkman, David Moran and Jerry Simer.

**335th TRS** — Mark Cotrell, Chet Kelley, Lynne Kelley, Krista Landreneau, Christopher Leo, Robert Marlett, Daryn McMullen, Brian Nuss, Michael Poole and Joshua Turnier.

**336th TRS** — Jose Jobson, Michael Manis, Brad McJunkin, Brent Misita, Lionel Rose and Bernice Windham.

**338th TRS** — Matthew Johnson, Roy Kastor, Edward Rush and Maria Taylor.

**366th TRS** — Terrence Brown, Anthony Gravitt and Joseph Sides.

**738th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Timothy Ackley and Michael Clifford.

**Keesler NCO Academy** — John Campbell.

# 138 Keesler staff sergeants on today's promotion list

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The technical sergeant promotion list released today has 138 Keesler names on it.

Staff sergeants selected are:

**2nd Air Force** — Cathy Moen.

**45th Airlift Squadron** — Jamee Clark and Ryan Johnson.

**81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Melvin Jackson Jr., Michael Johnson and Andrew Wells.

**81st Communications Squadron** — Shundra Armstead, Joan Harris, Wrenroy Lamey, Shawn Mitchell, Shawnni Morris and Stephanie Nolls.

**81st Comptroller Squadron** — Nicole Cavazos.

**81st Contracting Squadron** — Michael Conway.

**81st Dental Squadron** — Tracie Passananti.

**81st Medical Group** — John Carter.

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — James Brown, Asa Coston, Siah Driggers II, Jeffrey Eller, Daryl Ellison, Lori Freeman, Dario Gutierrez II, Joshua Hernandez, William Kiddy, Sandra Krueger, Jovonne Parnell, Jacqueline Rhodes, Loretta Scott, Tasha Thomas and Rachonn Willis.

**81st Mission Support Group** — Nicole Scholes and Keith Trahan.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Michael McCadden.

**81st Operations Support Flight** — John Platt.

**81st Security Forces Squadron** — Mandy Catella, Marvin Fleeting, Randall Fontenot, Raymond Marsh, Michael Munyon, John Neal IV and Jarrod Williford.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Margareta Beg and Brandon Williams.



## Selection statistics

Keesler exceeded the Air Force's technical sergeant promotion rate by 3 percent this year.

The 138 Keesler members selected for promotion represent 24 percent of the base's 575 eligible members.

The Air Force selected 9,116 of the 43,379 members eligible for promotion for a 21.01 percent rate.

**81st Training Support Squadron** — David Hooper, Richard Maricle, Samuel Parns, Gregg Perry, George Phinn and Timothy VanProoyen.

**81st Training Wing** — Jennifer Algieri and Mary Pope.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Patrick Down, Dana Goodman, Desmond Johnson, Anthony Wallis and Kedrick Wright.

**332nd Training Squadron** — Randolph Bosch, William Diamond, Jesse Goodwin, Mark Jegel and Andrew Yturaldi.

**333rd TRS** — Dennis Anderson, Tiffonie Baker, Lucrica Gilliam, Benjamin Labelle, Scott Olesen and Yolanda Wilson.

**334th TRS** — Richard Bakewell, Ashonte Bettis, Tisha Bradley, Michael Charvat, Paul Cummings, Michael Hall, George Kirkwood, Cynthia Kosier, Stacey Perkins, Shannon Powell, Jeffry Quimby, Michael Sciortino and David Stapp.

**335th TRS** — Jerome Adams, Gabriel Browning, Jamie Ceier, Shuntesia Dupree, John David Gasa, Jeffrey Hall, Raun Howell, Corey Latio-lais, Linda Lucas, Brent Main, Todd Martin, Zachery Mleko, Mary Rodriguez and Joey Scott.

**336th TRS** — Shane Bledsoe, Robert Busby, Robert Cowan Jr., Caleb Dick, Lori Granger, Chad Grant, Michael Hanak, Bryan Henry, Brian Herre, Jennifer Jackson, Franklin Koehler, Denise McHue, John Mitchell, Colin Oestreich, Lee Pearson, Jennifer Poole, Christopher Reed, Latrice Reese, Terry Southall, Antoine Tillman and Sherlock Walker.

**338th TRS** — Benjamin Aldrich, Michael Anderson, Frederick Braxton, Eric Christensen, Shawn Curro, James Doherty, Albert Hopkins, Billy Landreneau, Aaron Pederson, Ronald Smith Jr., John Strickler, Christopher Waddell and Francis Willis IV.

**366th TRS** — David Cheney.

**738th Engineering Installation Squadron** — Rusty Fudge, Eric McCross, Phillip Merritt, Tammi Phillippi, Vernetta Roseman and Timothy Trexler.

**882nd Training Group** — Ellwood Tegtmeier.

**ROTC, Southwest Mobile** — Kara Marvici.

A 3 - 5 minute steady tone on the base siren is a TORNADO WARNING — take cover.



## Credit reports one way to curb identity theft

By Capt. Scott Jansen

### Legal office

Identity theft is a major consumer protection concern, and while not fail-proof, checking credit reports annually is one way to identity theft detection and prevention.

Congress has amended the Fair Credit Reporting Act, requiring the three credit reporting agencies, Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion, to provide annual free credit reports.

Consumer access to free credit reports was rolled out by regions.

As of June 1, residents of Mississippi and other southern states can place orders.

Residents of western and Midwestern states already have access to the free reports, and residents of eastern states can start ordering reports Sept. 1.

Credit reports can be requested by phone, 1-877-322-8228; online at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>; or by mailing a credit report request form.

To order a report, your name, address, date of birth and Social Security number are required.

If your identity has been compromised, you should:

**Close** fraudulent accounts immediately.

**Place** a fraud alert on your credit report.

**Contact** law enforcement officials.

**Contact** creditors and identify fraudulent activity.

**File** a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftc.gov>.

For more information, call the legal office, 377-3510.

# Office safety

## Indoor work area can be dangerous, too

### Safety office

Your office is probably a safer environment than your home. But if you think that there's no danger because there are no production machines or aircraft engines in your workplace, think again.

An untold number of serious mishaps occur in offices every year. In many cases, these mishaps go unreported or improperly investigated because most people don't think there's any real danger in the domain of desks and dictionaries, fax machines and telephones, computers and wastebaskets.

Unfortunately, modern offices appear so safe and sterile that often simple common sense precautions and practices are ignored.

A few examples of office hazards:

**People** often lean too far back or sit too far forward in office chairs that can tip over backward or roll out from under the person.

**Be sure** your chair is squarely behind and under you when you sit down.

**Power cords** for computers, printers or other electrical items can cause a nasty fall.

**Frayed**, kinked or damaged cords present electrical shock and fire hazards in an area full of combustibles.

**File cabinets** are heavy objects and only one drawer should be opened at a time.

**A top-heavy** file cabinet can tip over with crushing

results. Open desk drawers can cause a tripping hazard.

**If you have** to lift a heavy item like furniture or a computer, get close to it, bend the knees, keep the back straight and lift by straightening the legs. Protect your spine.

**Paper clips**, toothpicks, rubber bands, pencils and other "harmless" little things left on a floor can set up an unexpected slip. If you drop it or see it, pick it up.

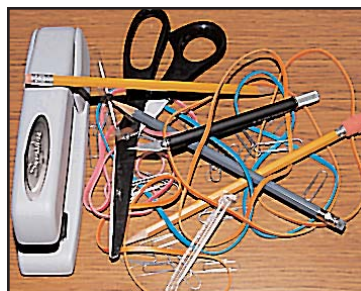
**Water**, coffee, soft drinks, oil or liquids of any kind on a floor can cause slips for the unexpected pedestrian.

**Be cautious** when using scissors, staplers, knives and other sharp or pointed office tools.

**Don't plug** one surge protector into another. It causes the outlet to draw more current than what is intended and can create a fire hazard.



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Teresa Ess, 81st Training Wing, wraps up wires from the back of a computer at the Taylor Logistics Center. Wires can be a tripping hazard as well as an electrical hazard when bunched together. Ms. Ess is the wife of Maj. Richard Ess, 81st Training Support Squadron.



**Staplers, scissors, rubber bands, pencils, razor knives, even paper clips** can be office hazards if not used properly.

# Housing inspection criteria outlined for base residents

## Housing office

With summer quickly approaching, base housing residents are expected to keep their homes and yards within Air Force and Keesler standards.

Housing residents are responsible for maintaining grounds to present a neat, acceptable appearance at all times. Individual areas of responsibility extend to the center of the street and halfway to the neighboring unit on both sides, rear and front, and to the base perimeter fence.

If residents have a fence, behind it must be mowed to the edge of responsibility or at least one lawn mower's width behind the fence if it's on the resident's line.

Fence area must be edged. Mowing and repair of common areas, such as playgrounds), are performed by contractors.

The exterior of homes are inspected at least weekly. Violations of ground standards are forwarded to commanders.

Citations for violating pet policies are included in the grounds inspection program and carry the same penalties. Grounds and pet violations are combined.

The grounds inspector issues discrepancy notices when standards aren't met. The consequences of not meeting these standards are:

**First notice** — first sergeant notified.

**Second notice** — squadron commander notified.

**Third notice** — group commander notified.

**Fourth notice** — could result in eviction.

The inspection is based on the following standards:

**Grass** — maximum grass height is 3 inches. Clippings need to be raked, bagged and properly disposed.

**Edging** — edge along sidewalks, roadways and fences. Don't dig trenches while edging. Trim grass around the foundation of the house, doorsteps, garage or carport and garbage can storage area.

**Crack grass** — remove grass from cracks in sidewalk, driveway, parking space, doorsteps, curbs and the gutter in front of house. Weed killer is available at the self-help store.

**Pruning** — keep shrubs and bushes

trimmed at least 6 inches from the house. Nothing may be taller than window sills; bushes and trees shouldn't touch the house. Trim all unsightly growth and suckers. Shrubs and hedges on street corners or in front of the unit must be maintained at a suggested 3-foot height so views aren't obstructed.

**Carport/porch** — maintain a neat appearance. Storage in homes is very limited, but carports and porches must remain clutter free.

Residents can't keep items such as furniture and appliances in carports. While moving in or out, cardboard boxes are allowed in carports, but boxes should only be there for the minimum time necessary to complete the move.

As carports are highly visible and affect the overall appearance of housing units, they must not be treated as just another storage room and packed full of items.

Houses with garages must keep the garage doors closed. Don't store items in the garage which prevent the door from fully closing.

**Debris** — lawns must be free of debris such as paper, cans and other trash. Items such as tires and plywood must be stored out of sight.

**Vehicle repair** — major vehicle repair isn't authorized in your garage, carport, driveway or parking space. The auto skills center is available for repair work. Minor maintenance, such as replacing light bulbs, wiper blades or air filters, is allowed.

**Flower beds** — flowers may be planted, but poisonous seeds or beans, which may be a safety hazard, aren't allowed. Keep flower beds neat and free of weeds and grass.

**Vines** — keep all vines and suckers from growing on houses and sheds. Plant and flower vines growing on a free-standing trellis are acceptable.

**Exterior walls** — remove foreign substances such as mold, mildew and dirt from exterior walls. Occupants are responsible for the first story of multi-story units.

**Raking** — an excess of leaves is unsightly and can cause serious damage to lawns. Grounds should be kept clean of accumulated leaves and other windblown lawn debris.



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# Knowledge is key to thyroid cancer awareness

**By Maj. (Dr.) Todd Frieze**  
**81st Medical Operations Squadron**

Last October, Chief Justice William Rehnquist announced he was battling thyroid cancer. His diagnosis raises the public's awareness of this condition.

The thyroid gland is a butterfly-shaped gland that wraps around the windpipe in the lower neck region. It produces thyroid hormones that regulate the activity levels of cells throughout the body.

When too little or too much thyroid hormone is made, the condition is confirmed by blood tests and managed as necessary.

Another frequent thyroid problem is the development of lumps or nodules.

Initially, nodules don't usually cause symptoms and may not be found until they are large. Symptoms of large or cancerous nodules include hoarseness,

enlarged lymph nodes, problems with swallowing or breathing or throat pain.

Radiation exposure to the neck area increases the risk of cancerous nodules. Thyroid cancer also runs in some families with certain medical conditions.

Since over 10 million Americans have thyroid nodules, a practical approach must be chosen to decide which patients need surgery.

A fine needle aspiration biopsy is currently the best test. A small needle obtains cells from the nodule for microscopic evaluation, and if suspicious cells are found, surgery is usually recommended to remove part or all of the gland.

Ultrasound, radioactive iodine nuclear scans and computed tomography scans may give additional information about size, extent and number of nodules.

Thyroid cancer is the most common endocrine cancer. The American

Cancer Society estimates more than 25,000 new cases in the United States this year. About 75 percent of these cases will occur in women.

Thyroid cancer represents about 1 percent of all cancers diagnosed in this country each year, with more than 200,000 thyroid cancer patients in the United States. Most forms can be treated with surgery, with or without radioactive iodine therapy, with a good prognosis.

More advanced or aggressive cancers may require further treatment with external radiation, with or without chemotherapy. Since recurrences may not become apparent for many years, follow-up examinations are important.

Thyroid surgery is recommended if the biopsy suggests cancer, if the nodule continues to grow, if vocal cord paraly-

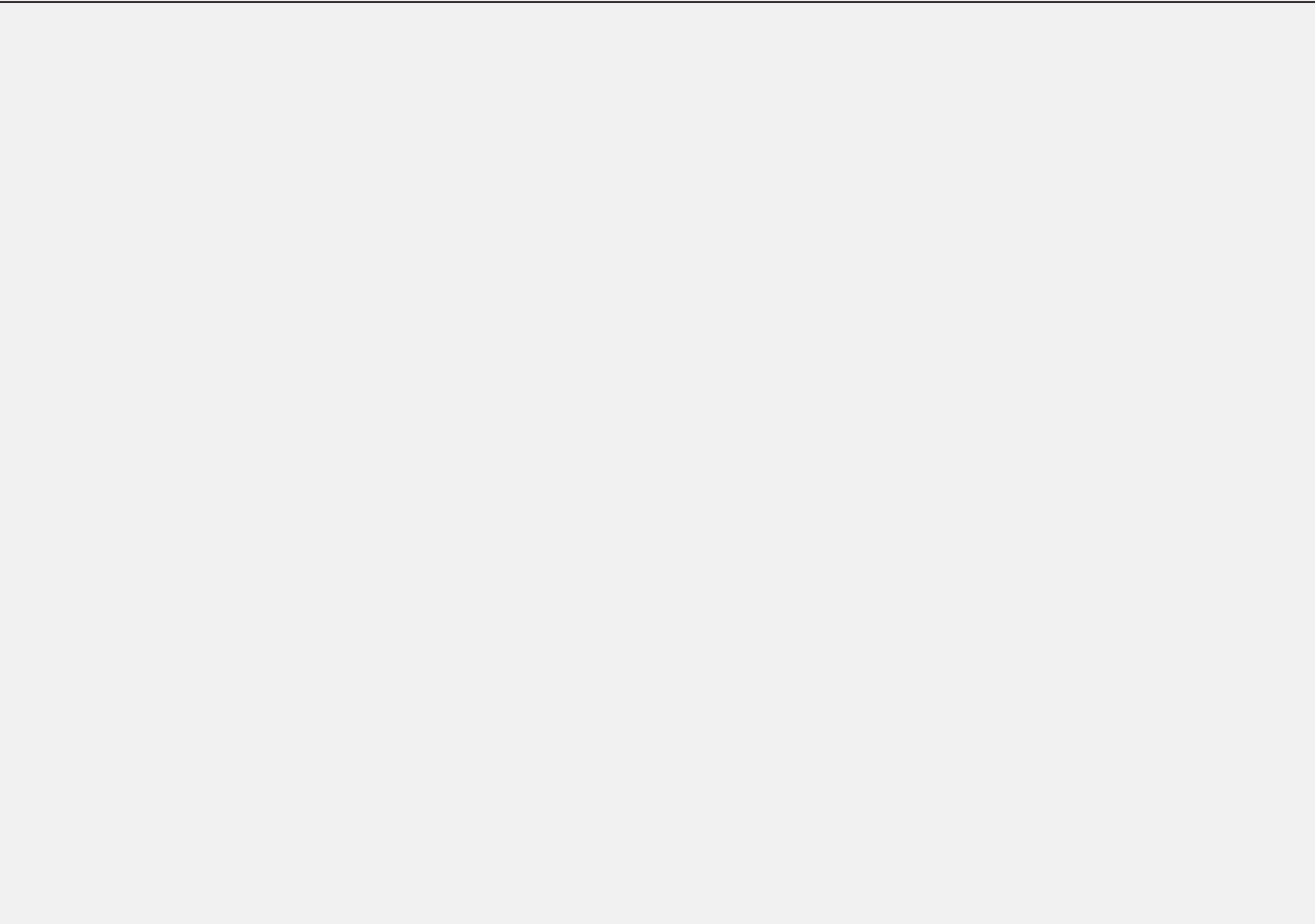
sis is present or if the nodule presses on the windpipe or affects swallowing. A partial or total lobectomy is performed based on the evaluation.

After surgery, patients usually spend one to three days in the hospital and require one to two weeks to resume normal activity. Although unusual, complications include bleeding, a hoarse voice and low blood calcium. Most complications go away within a few weeks.

After thyroid removal, patients are placed on thyroid medication.

Any cancer diagnosis is devastating to the patient and his or her family. Thyroid cancers are common and affect all ages, but most can be controlled with surgery, with or without radioactive iodine therapy.

However, early identification and long-term follow-up are crucial.



# KEESLER NOTES

## Fraud, waste, abuse

The inspector general's office is the focal point for Keesler's fraud, waste and abuse program.

People can report suspected incidents in person to the inspector general's staff or use Keesler's fraud, waste and abuse hotline, 377-7053. The anonymous hotline is available around the clock.

The inspector general's office is in Room 106, 81st Training Wing headquarters.

For more information, call 377-3010.

## Flowers available

Flowering bedding plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis for base housing residents, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the self-help store.

For more information, call 377-5397.

## Air show booths

Squadrons interested in having a food booth at the open house in November should send a representative to a planning meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday at the marina.

Additional meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call 377-0002.

## AFCEA picnic

The Air Force Communications and Electronics Association is having a picnic, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the marina.

The picnic is a chance to meet Scope Eagle participants.

The cost is \$5 for a submarine sandwich, chips and a drink.

Money is due by noon Monday.

For more information, call Capts. Lisa Brake, 377-7343, or Grace Beck, 377-0166, or 2nd Lt. Shauna Crookshank, 377-0066.

## Playground spraying

Spraying of approved herbicides to control weeds in military housing area playgrounds begins June 27 and may continue for two weeks, weather permitting.

Playgrounds are roped off for treatment.

For more information on locations, call Debra Roth, 377-2865.

## Post-deployment

Briefings for people returning from deployments are 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays in the manpower conference room on the second floor of Sablich Center.

For more information or to sign up, call 377-2179.

## Vacation Bible School

"Serengeti Trek — Where Kids Are Wild About God" is the theme for Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon Monday through June 24 at the former chapel next to Sablich Center.

To join the leadership team or for more information, call Sheila Shepard, Protestant religious education coordinator, 377-2520.

## Operation Hero

Operation Hero, a deployment orientation activity for

children and spouses of members who are deployed or will deploy, is 9 a.m. to noon June 25 at the deployment facility, Building 1917.

For more information or to register, call 377-2179.

## Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, 800/802 Rodenberg Avenue in Bay Ridge housing area accepts furniture, appliances, area rugs and carpets, cutlery, dishware, maternity clothing and infant clothing.

All items must be clean, serviceable and ready for immediate use.

The attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, call 257-9586. If donating large items, call 229-0562.

## Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. July 28, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored

by the family support center and youth activities center.

To preregister, call 377-2179.

## MPF hours

Hours for relocations, retirements and separations at the military personnel flight:

**Appointments only** — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

**Walk-ins** — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

## Switchboard service

The 81st Communications Squadron evaluates the quality of service provided by the base telephone switchboard.

Complaints or comments about the switchboard should be based on operator response time, type of assistance, courtesy, accuracy and speed.

Customer complaint records are available by e-mailing [thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil](mailto:thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil) or calling 377-4778.

# SPORTS AND RECREATION

## Double effort



Photos by Kemberly Groue  
Shane Hogan, left, and Kenji Bowen, 81st Dental Squadron, try to field a ball hit to second base during a game against the 81st Medical Operations Squadron June 8. The 81st MDOS took the victory, 21-7. The intramural softball regular season has passed the halfway point, and as of Monday, the 81st MDOS leads the American League standings with a 7-1 record. The 335th TRS-B team is on top of the National League with an 8-0 mark.



Eric Shultz, 81st MDOS, catches a fly ball.

## Marathon set for Sept. 17

By Steve VanWert

Air Force Services Agency  
Public Affairs

Air Force Services officials will hold the ninth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 17.

The marathon includes a half-marathon, wheelchair race, four-person relay and 5k race.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 2.

The certified 26.2-mile course starts and ends at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

It traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson, including the Air Force Institute of Technology, Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, the Wright-Patterson flight line and

the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.

Bill Rogers and Alberto Salazar will speak at a dinner at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 16 and participate in the races.

Rogers is a four-time winner of the Boston and New York City marathons and was a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic marathon team.

Salazar set six U.S. records, a world record and won three consecutive New York City marathons.

Registration fees are: marathon (individual), \$45; wheelchair, \$45; relay team, \$160; half marathon, \$30 and the 5k, \$15.

Tickets can be paid for on the registration entry form and are \$12 per adult, \$6 per child ages 6 to 12, and free for children age 5 or younger.

Permissive temporary duty is authorized for this event.

The marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event.

The marathon began in 1997 as a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force.

"Becoming the official Air Force Marathon brings credibility," said M. Scott Nunnally, Air Force Services Agency.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

For more information, go to the Air Force Marathon's main Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

# 60-mile walk is journey to fight pediatric cancer

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Most children give special gifts to their dads on Father's Day. This year, a Keesler dad is giving a special gift to his daughter who died of brain cancer five years ago.

Sunday, Mike Marston, 335th Training Squadron, is walking 96.7 kilometers — about 60 miles — as part of a personal crusade to increase funding for pediatric cancer research.

The Walk to a Cure starts at midnight at Biloxi's Palace Casino Resort's Sportszone, proceeds west along U.S. Highway 90 to Henderson Point west of Pass Christian, and back. Marston hopes to complete the walk by 6 p.m.

The walk is an offshoot of last year's "A November to Remember" 5-kilometer run at Keesler. More than 600 runners participated, and more than \$5,000 was raised for Curesearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Marston was one of the organizers of the event, which is moving off-base this fall. He sees his continued efforts to combat childhood cancer is a positive way to honor his daughter, Sarah, who was 6 years old when she died.

In February, Marston went to Washington, D.C., to help Curesearch officials lobby for increased appropriations for the cause. He'll return to Capitol Hill later this year to continue those efforts.

"I just have to do something," he explained. "I'm not doing this to cling to unhealthy grief, but to raise awareness of kids' cancer. There are 40,000 kids with cancer in America, with 3,500 new cases diagnosed each year.

"Cancer is a vicious destroyer," he continued. "I don't want other kids to have to suffer like Sarah did, and I want to support other parents who are fighting this battle with their children."

Marston's walk is being



Marston

sponsored by Hank-FM, a Biloxi radio station involved with last November's fundraiser. The distance, 96.7 kilometers, corresponds with the station's location on the radio dial.

"Initially, I said I'd walk 100 miles in 24 hours, and my wife, Kristen, convinced me that was crazy — and she's probably right," he said. "I'm hopeful that I can complete this distance."

Checkpoints will be set up along the route for people to show their support, make donations and sign a petition urging Congress to authorize and appropriate additional funds for pediatric cancer research.

Marston has never undertaken a marathon or long-distance run or walk before, although he runs, works out, swims and lifts weights regularly.

He did 20-mile and 30-mile walks recently, but, "now I'm backing off on my running to prevent any injuries," he noted. "Concrete is really brutal, and there's not much shade along the highway. I've done mountain climbing and backpacking, but that's more up-and-down on softer ground under a canopy of foliage."

Even though his little girl has passed away, Marston says, "As a dad, it empowers me to be able to do something for these kids."

# Target



for elimination,

call Keesler's hotline 377-7053

## SCORES AND MORE

### Bowling

**Editor's note:** For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

**Youth bowling discount** — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays. Teens bowl 4 hours for \$5.

**Half price for Navy Seebee personnel** — Tuesdays.

**Father's Day special** — Sunday. Kids bowl for \$1 a game, dad bowls free with free shoe rental.

**Summer leagues** — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have 9-ball and base intramurals.

**Birthday parties** — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required.

**Family day** — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay, their children bowl the same game free.

**Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling** — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

**Youth special** — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except Hurricane Alley.

**Non-prior service students** — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

**Play and save cards** — bowl 21 games for \$25.

**Bowl-a-rama** — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

### Fitness

**Editor's note:** For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

**Fitness center equipment orientations** — 9 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays at Blake; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Dragon; and 2 p.m. Thursdays at Triangle. No appointment necessary.

**Sports physical** — pediatric clinic provides physical for students. Call TRICARE, 1-800-700-8603.

### Blake Fitness Center

**Aerobic workout tapes** — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

### Dragon Fitness Center

**Computerized fitness assessments and counseling** — available by appointment only. Call 377-2907 or 377-4409.

**Aerobics** — variety of free classes offered to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

### Triangle Fitness Center

**Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame** — best lifters in each weight category gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

### Golf

**Editor's note:** For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

**Summer golf tournament** — June 24; 11 a.m. registration and

lunch, noon tee time. \$35 per person. Sign up at the pro shop.

**Golf 101** — 5-6 p.m. July 5-7, for new golfers. \$20. Maximum 10 students.

**Youth golf lessons** — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Space is limited.

**Non-prior service student special** — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

**Disks for disk golf** — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

**Individual and group lessons** — \$25 for 30 minutes.

### Outdoor recreation

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

**Father's Day special** — Sunday. Free rod and reel rental for dads.

**Fishing trips to the oil rigs** — \$650 for a maximum of six people.

**Deep sea fishing trips** — 7 a.m. Sundays, down Fridays. \$40.

**Dinner cruise** — 4-8 p.m. June 25. \$40, including meal. Minimum four people, maximum six.

**June fishing tournament** — weigh in the largest ground mullet and receive a \$100 savings bond.

**Boat slip rental** — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power, water included.

**Pontoon boat training** — test and certification is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

**Fishing trips to oil rigs** — available by appointment only.

### Softball

**Editor's note:** All games are at the Triangle softball field number indicated.

### American League

(As of Monday)

Team	W	L	T
81st MDOS	7	1	0
738th EIS	6	1	0
335th TRS-A	5	2	0
338th TRS-A	5	1	0
81st CES-A	5	1	0
Firefighters	3	2	0
81st CS	2	3	1
81st SUPS-TRANS	2	5	0
332nd TRS	2	5	0
CNATTU-A	1	5	0
81st OSF	1	5	0
336th TRS-B	1	5	1
81st DS	1	5	0

**June 8** — 81st MDOS 21, 81st DS 7; 738th EIS 21, 81st SUPS-TRANS 0; 81st CES-A 16, 332nd TRS 2; Firefighters 12, CNATTU 9; 335th TRS-A 16, 81st OSF 6.

**Wednesday** — 5:30 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. Firefighters; 81st OSF vs. 738th EIS, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 81st SUPS-TRANS vs. 81st CS, Field 1; CNATTU-A vs. 336th TRS-B, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st CES-A vs. 81st DS; Firefighters vs. 335th TRS-A; 335th TRS-A vs. 332nd TRS, Field 1.

### National League

(As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
335th TRS-B	8	0
336th TRS-A	7	1
81st MSGS-A	7	1
403rd WING	6	2
81st MSS-TRW-2AF	5	3

81st MDSS	5	3
81st TRSS	5	3
333rd TRS	3	5
81st CES-B	3	5
CNATTU-B	2	6
334th TRS	2	4
338th TRS-B	1	7
81st MSGS-B	1	7
AFOSI/Legal	1	7

**June 7** — 81st TRSS 11, 81st MDSS 10; 334th TRS 10, 338th TRS-B 6; 81st CES-B 28, CNATTU-B 6; 335th TRS-B 10, 403rd Wing 8; 336th TRS 18, 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 8; 333rd TRS 16, 81st MSGS 4; 403rd Wing 13, 336th TRS-A 11.

**June 9** — CNATTU-B 12, AFOSI-Legal 8; 81st TRSS 16, 81st CES-B 9; 81st MDSS 23, 338th TRS-B 6; 81st MSGS 21, 333rd TRS 10; 403rd Wing 18, 81st MSGS-B 8, 335th TRS-B 10, 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 9; 336th TRS-A 7, 334th TRS 3; 81st MDOS 11, 738th EIS 7.

**Tuesday** — 5:30 pm 336 TRS A vs. 335 TRS-B, Field 1; 403rd Wing vs. CNATTU-B, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. AFOSI/Legal vs. 81st MDSS, Field 1; 334th TRS vs. 81st MSGS-B, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st MSS-TRW-2AF vs. 81st MSGS-A, Field 1; 7:30 p.m. 81st CES-B vs. 338th TRS-B, Field 2; 8:30 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 81st TRSS, Field 1.

**Firecracker softball tournament** — July 2-3, Fields 3 and 4. Cost per team is \$150. Sponsored by Top III Association. Deadline for signup and payment is June 29. For information or to sign up, call James Schmitt, 377-5989.

### Swimming

**Bay Breeze pool** — open daily noon to 6 p.m. Pool is closed on Tuesdays.

**Main pool** — open daily noon to 5:30 p.m. Lap swimming is available during normal hours. Pool is closed Mondays.

**Triangle pool** — open daily noon to 7 p.m. Lap swimming is available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pool is closed Wednesdays.

### Volleyball

**All games are at the Blake Fitness Center.**

### Standings

(As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	4	1
335th TRS	5	2
333rd TRS	4	2
738th EIS	4	2
334th TRS	1	4
81st MDOS	0	7

**Monday** — 6 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 334th TRS.

### Postseason

**Tuesday, Wednesday** — Double elimination playoff tournament begins with games at 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

**June 23** — 6 p.m. championship, Game 1; 7:15 p.m. championship Game 2 (if necessary).

### Youth activities center

**Youth sports program** — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

**Instructional classes** — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

# DIGEST

## GRADUATIONS

### First Term Airmen Center Class 05-12

**81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Airman 1st Class Dunyaska Abercrombie.

**81st Medical Support Squadron** — Airman April Clark; Airmen 1st Class Cory Ruddell and Larwens Subtil.

**81st Mission Support Squadron** — Airman Basic Andre Lewis.

**81st Surgical Operations Squadron** — Airman Valerie Aguilera.

**81st Training Wing** — Airman Rosa Cervantes-Lopez.

**81st Transportation Squadron** — Airmen 1st Class David Hootman, Manuel Jacquez and Sean O’Keefe.

## HONORS

### Student honor roll

#### 332nd TRS

**Basic electronic principles** — Airmen Basic Vincent Arvizu, Kiel Bryant, Andrew Dunmire, Christopher Engler, Erik Ganett, Nathan Layel, Grant Lehamann, Joshua McAtee, Daman Quitanilla, Landon Rich, Jeremy Simmons, Jason Thomas, Isaac Toutoungi, Justin Tyree, Jonathon Walker and Chase Williams; Airmen Jeffery Cunningham, Wayne Grimm, David Gossnickle, Nicholas Hazen, Rodolfo Landa, Robert Tomlinson, Brian Walters, Jessy Wilks, Joshua Williams, Devin Wilson and Derek Wood; Airmen 1st Class Silas Boehler, Mark Charley, James Cicali, Bobby Cook, Megan Goetsch, George Himes, Denny Lora, Frazier Lott, Keith McDowell, Sara Miller, Thomas Morgan, Sobe Ntungwe, Kevin Rollins, Jeffrey Szymanski and Aaron Wells; Senior Airmen Jeremy Armstrong, James Beau-doin, Jason Haase, Jet Heng, Andrew Kalman, David Pitcher, Joshua Powell, Gregory Smith, Marvin Willis and Anne Witmer; Staff Sgts. Michael Buck, Jeremy Carlson, David DeLaPaz, Joshua Demenge, Earnest Donnell, Timothy Jared, Arequelio Martinez-Perez and Gonzalo Roman; Tech Sgts. Brian Barnette and Russell Bengry; Senior Master Sgt. Jung Jeong; Capt. Ioanna Polyzou.

#### 334th TRS

**Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Alphonso Belcher, Kimberly Hayner, Jeffrey Jackson, Emery McClinton, Nicholas Novak, Kenneth Stubbs, Sasha Swift, Peter Taylor and Bryce Witte; Airmen Leigh Geyer, Melissa Head, Justine Killian, Brandon Smith and Derek Stromsodt; Airmen 1st Class Hans Birnbrich, Adam Crown, Anthony Hayner, Brandon Hubbard, Michael Powell, Joel Richeson, Bailey Schoeneck and Steven Whitt; Senior Airman Aubrey Burroughs; Staff Sgts. Lucas Beaulieu, Gerylynn Carr, Brian Cepelak, Mathew Gross and Daniel Wesely.

#### 335th TRS

**Weather training flight** — Airmen Basic Christopher Carter, Rennelle Conner, Donald Evans, Michael Gottschalk, Kyle Gustavson, Jeremy Heins, Clint Huff, Andrew Johnson, David Urbinati and Christopher Watts; Navy Airman Recruit Christopher McQuilkin; Marine Pvt. Timothy Cahoon; Airman Brian Batty; Navy Airmen Apprentice Micheal McCool, Christain Pachecovega, Heather Pickett, Jon Rossman and Jennifer Sabo; Airmen 1st Class Jeffery Belisle, Joshua Brueggen, Jarad Guerrero-Salinas and Jonathan Zimmerman; Navy Airmen Daryl Meer, Scott Rhead, Herson Rivera and Jonathan Watkins; Senior Airmen Ian Stait-Gardner, Chett Tyson, Eric Villafranca and Stuart Vogt; Staff Sgt. Andrew Narog; Tech. Sgts. Robert Browder, Paul Chojnacki, Craig Grant, Samuel Harris, Brent Henke and Scott Jennings.

#### 336th TRS

**Information management apprentice course** — Airman Ashley Means; Airmen 1st Class Tiffany Colbert and Getahuh Fijachew; Senior Airmen Jaclyn Hiapo and Patricia Sexton; Staff Sgts. Michael Holko and Hugo Monks; Tech. Sgts. Daniel Lyons and Thomas Judd.

#### 338th TRS

**Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course** — Airman Basic Ryan Fox; Airmen Christopher Campeau, Zacharias Goudie, Shelby Jacobson, Matthew Lyons, Marshall Nix and Jacob Whitney; Airmen 1st Class Stephen

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Jewish

**Beth Israel Synagogue** — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

### Latter-Day Saints

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

**Biloxi Ward** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

### Protestant

#### Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

#### Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

**Prayer service for peace** — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

**Joy night concerts** — 7 p.m. Fridays starting June 17 featuring the inspirational gospel service choir.

### Roman Catholic

#### Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.

Medical Center Chapel .....8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel .....11:15 a.m.

Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

### Islamic

**Building 2003** — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

### Orthodox

**Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox)** — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

**St. Mary’s Church (Eastern Orthodox)** — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Basham, Christopher Buonpastore, Jessie Crews, Jeffrey Hamlin, Joshua Heim, Mareyanna Linares, Stephen McElroy, Jeremy Patenaude, Michael Phillips and Cory Williams; Senior Airmen Terry Groulx, Michael Sturgell, Ronald White, Zachariah Wiedeman and Jessie Wilson; Staff Sgts. Vernan Ballew, Robert Hathaway, Christy McGuffee, Daniel Newman, Adam O’Leary and Anthony Perkins.

**Ground radio** — Airmen Basic Kenneth Black, Jeremy Gephart, Kenneth Johnson and Andrew Nichols; Airmen James Cauthen, Lorenzo Hinojosa, Peter McMullen, Kevin Rugar, Anthony Sharpe and John Wyant; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Cook, Benjamin Dawley, Jason Hall, Thomas Hoffpauir, Andrew Jacobs, Jonathan Lescarbeau, Matthew Morgan, Jesse Mulalley, Brentt Smith, Steven Sweeden, Russell Van Houten, Timothy Vango and Patrick Wooding; Senior Airmen Joshua Linder, Nathan Reilly, David Rivers II, Bruce Scheel, William Strickland and Jon Goe; Staff Sgt. William Sitterle; Tech. Sgt. Richard Nawai; Master Sgt. Eric Currier.

**Radar systems flight** — Airman 1st Class Jason Jones; Senior Airmen Theodore Donald and Joseph Gagnon; 2nd Lt. Andrej Gerjevic.

## PROMOTIONS

### 2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

**July 6-21** — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

**July 25-29** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

**Aug. 2-12** — blocked.

**Aug. 15-26** — command screening.

**Sept. 12-23** — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

**Sept. 26-30** — special selection.

**Oct. 4-6** — blocked.

**Oct. 11-21** — chief master sergeant evaluation.

**Oct. 25-27** — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

**Nov. 14-18** — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

**Dec. 5-16** — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

## TRICARE

**Beneficiary services** — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

**Claims services** — 1-800-403-3950.

**“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access** — 1-877-794-4629.

**Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance** — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

**Education center for women** — in women’s health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women’s health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

**Keesler Medical Center clinic hours** — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**On the Web** — Keesler Medical Center’s Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

**TRICARE Service Center** — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## CLASSES

### Airman Leadership School

**Class 05-E** — graduation July 18.

### First Term Airmen Center

**Class 05-13** — cancelled.

### Keesler NCO Academy

**Class 05-5** — graduation July 4.

### Chapel

**Book of Romans adult Bible study** — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

### Keesler Medical Center

**Shaving clinic** — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Allergy/immunization clinic** — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

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**International travel clinic** — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

## McBride Library

**Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors** — 6 p.m. Wednesday and June 29.

**Story time** — 10 a.m. Wednesday and June 27, ages 2-6.

**Vacation time** — new travel guides on display; books on compact disk available for checkout.

**Library services** — free Internet use. Copies 10 cents a page, copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax first page \$3, each additional page \$2. Local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

**Orientations and volunteer work** — for more information, call 377-2181.

## Arts and crafts center

**Beading** — advanced, Saturday and June 25; \$30 plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.

**One-stroke beginner painting** — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including supplies.

**One-stroke project class** — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$25. One-stroke beginner painting is prerequisite.

**Ceramic painting** — 10 a.m. June 25, American flag plate; \$20 including most supplies.

**Rubber-stamped card-making** — 6 p.m. Tuesday. \$10.

**Ceramic painting technique** — sign ups are ongoing; minimum five students. For more information, call 377-2821.

**Advanced matting** — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday. \$20 including supplies. Beginning framing class is prerequisite.

**Three-dimensional decoupage kits** — 1 p.m. June 25. \$5 plus \$5-\$15 for a kit.

**Beginning intarsia woodworking** — 5-7 p.m. June 24. \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

**Advanced intarsia woodworking** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25. \$20 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

**Teen ceramics** — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, ages 14 and older. \$10 including supplies.

**Parent and me project** — 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, ages 4 and older. \$10 including supplies; second child \$5.

**Youth summer craft camp** — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for seven more weeks. \$20 week.

**Woodshop special** — build something for Father's Day and receive two hours of free shop use.

**Auto shop** — air conditioning checks available; shop closed Sunday.

## TRANSITIONS

### Workshops, briefings

**Transition assistance three-day workshop** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

**Retirement and veterans briefing** — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

**Pre-separation counseling** — required by law for individuals leaving the military no less than 90 calendar days before separation or retirement date. Individuals with orders can attend the briefing on Thursdays in Room 130, Sablich Center, excluding the week of the transition assistance program workshop, at 1 p.m. for those separating or 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Bring a copy of orders to the session.

**PALACE Chase information briefings** — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

**Federal jobs and applications** — noon to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Room 130, Sablich Center. Bring copy of a job posting that you're interested in as a learning tool. Minimum of five people needed to hold the class. To register, call 377-2179.

### Employment assistance

**Employment Network Center** — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search infor-

mation and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

**Health care professionals** — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

### Web sites

**Defense Manpower Data Center** — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

**Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray** — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

**Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information** — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

**Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans** — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

**Department of Veterans Affairs** — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

**Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair** — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

**New military spouse career center** — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

**America's Job Bank** — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

### Computer use

**Government computers** — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn't adversely affect the mission.

**Transition employment opportunities public folder** — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

## CLUBS AND CENTERS

### Keesler Community Center

**Adult and youth guitar lessons** — half-hour lessons 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday; \$55 month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

**Weight Watchers** — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

**Coloring contest** — pick up a coloring/activity sheet; submit entry no later than 4 p.m. today.

### Vandenberg Community Center

**Eight-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

**Nine-ball pool tournament** — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

**Karaoke** — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

**CyberSport** — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For more information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

**Late night dance and DJ** — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in June show their identification card and get in free third Friday of the month.

### Youth activities center

**Friday teen night** — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

**Preteen night** — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

**Summer camps** — Archery, 2-4 p.m. Monday through June 24, ages 8-15, \$15. Basketball, 2-4 p.m. June 27-30, ages 5-12, \$15.

**Karate** — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

**Gymnastics** — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

**Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club** — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

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## DINING FACILITIES MENUS

### Today

**Lunch** — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — orange spiced chops, hush puppies, braised liver with onions, tempura fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

### Friday

**Lunch** — corned beef, pineapple chicken, yankee pot roast, cornbread, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, black-eyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

**Dinner** — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

### Saturday

**Lunch** — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

**Dinner** — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

### Sunday

**Lunch** — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellyed spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, baked macaroni and cheese, noodles, gravy, peas, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, tomato salad, jellyed spring salad, vegetable soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

### Monday

**Lunch** — chili macaroni, beef cannelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

**Dinner** — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

**Dinner** — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

**Dinner** — barbecue ham steak, jalapeno cornbread, baked turkey and noodles, beef ball stroganoff, noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, spinach, lima beans, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Keesler Club

**Editor's note:** Dining is open to all ranks.  
**Poor man's night buffet** — 5:30-8 p.m. today. Children's entertainment, door prizes.  
**Father's Day brunch** — Sunday, featuring prime rib. Seatings 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations recommended; call 377-2719.  
**Lunch buffet** — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays except holidays. Specials include Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of week.  
**Wednesday night special** — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

**NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks)** — Sunday and June 26. Call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways. Club members register to win trip for two to a major NASCAR event.  
**Family summer bash (all ranks)** — 5-9 p.m. June 25, Keesler Community Center. Food, games for adults and children, prizes. 9 p.m.-till, music for adults only.  
**Hot dogs** — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.  
**Pinochle (all ranks)** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.  
**Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments** — 6 p.m. Thursdays. Tacos three for \$2; drink specials.  
**Karaoke night** — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and June 24.  
**Latino night** — Friday. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons; 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Disk jockey; drink specials.  
**Rhythm and blues night** — 9 p.m. this Friday and Saturdays.  
**Urban nights** — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.  
**Snack and drink specials** — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

**New Orleans school of cooking** — July 15. \$45 including admission, meal and transportation. Sign up by July 8.  
**French Quarter ghosts and legends trip** — July 16. \$40 including admission and transportation. Sign up by July 8.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.  
KIRT members are:  
**Life skills enhancement center** — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.  
**Family support center** — 377-2179.  
**Family advocacy** — 377-7006.  
**Family member program** — 377-3077.  
**Health and wellness center** — 377-5305.  
**403rd Wing** — 377-3277.  
**Chapel** — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.  
**Classes, seminars**  
**Basic investing** — 12:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Room 230-A, Sablich Center. To register, call 377-2179.  
**Tobacco cessation class** — next class starts Aug. 3.  
**Stress management** — 4 p.m. Tuesday, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.  
**Healthy cooking demonstration** — noon June 30, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

VOLUNTEERS

**Editor's note:** Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.  
**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.  
**American Red Cross-Keesler Station** — disaster services volunteers for hurricane season and year-round. Free training provided; all skill levels accepted. For more information, call 896-4511.  
**Chapel** — for more information, call 377-2520.  
**Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.  
**Cub Scout Pack 214** — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.  
**Family support center** — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.  
**Fisher House** — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.  
**Girl Scouts** — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.  
**High school students** — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.  
**Honor guard** — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.  
**International military student office** — for more information, call 377-4228.  
**McBride Library** — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.  
**Medical center** — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.  
**Retirees activities office** — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

**MEETINGS**  
**Recurring**  
**African-American Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.  
**Air Force Association, Chapter 332** — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kirt Quist, 326-4775, kirt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.  
**Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652** — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.  
**Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary** — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.  
**Amateur radio club** — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.  
**American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670** — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.  
**Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee** — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.  
**AWANA** — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.  
**Blacks in Government** — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.  
**Boy Scout Troop 253** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.  
**Breast cancer support group** — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyler House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClelland Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

**Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.**  
**To Keesler via Highway 90:** 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.  
**To Keesler from north of base:** 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.  
**Back to off-base lodging:** 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.  
**Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.**

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**Breastfeeding support group** — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

**Cancer support group** — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

**Chapel ropes** — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 377-2331.

**Charismatic intercessory prayer service** — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel at corner of H and 2nd streets.

**Christian men's fellowship luncheon** — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

**Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

**Company grade officers council** — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

**Cub Scout Pack 214** — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

**Cub Scout Pack 281** — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

**Dorm council** — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

**Girl Scout Troop 148** — 6 p.m. Mondays, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 374-7426.

**Hispanic Heritage Committee** — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

**Hispanic Employment Committee** — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

**Keesler Officers Spouses Club** — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-5791; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

**Keesler Christian Home Educators Association** — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail [chajanding@aol.com](mailto:chajanding@aol.com).

**Keesler Riders Association** — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

**Medical center officers spouses club** — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

**Multiples support group** — For more information, call Sue Burleson, 865-1375.

**Order of Daedalians** — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

**Play group** — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

**Prayer warriors network** — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

**Protestant youth group** — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

**Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter** — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

**Rising VI Association** — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

**Toastmasters** — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

**Top III Association** — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377- 5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

**Weight Watchers** — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail [deb\\_bie\\_weightwatchers@yahoo.com](mailto:deb_bie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com).

## MISCELLANEOUS Movies

**Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.**

**Today** — 7 p.m., Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG).

**Friday** — 7 p.m., XXX: State of the Union (PG-13).

**Saturday** — 2 p.m., The Interpreter (PG-13); 7 p.m., House of Wax (R); 9:30 p.m., Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG).

**Sunday** — 2 p.m., House of Wax (R).